(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Three flight tests of anti-tank missile 'NAG' were conducted successfully on 1st, 3rd and 8th August, 1996 respectively to prove its control and guidance systems.

(c) and (d). Development of 'NAG' will boost our defence and fire power against adversaries' tanks due to its capability to defeat all futuristic armours including reactive armour upto a range of 4 km and its 'top attack' and 'fire and forget' capability.

[Translation]

Eye Flue and Jaundice

3931. DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA:
SHRI RATILAL VARMA:
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Rajdhani Men Ankho Ka Flu Wa Piliya Joron Par" appearing in Hindustan on August 22, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of persons suffering from these diseases in Delhi and in other States, State-wise; and

(d) the remedial measures taken by the Government to check the spread of these diseases alongwith the amount of financial aid and other assistance provided to the States during the current financial year to fight these diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). Yes, Sir. Govt. is aware of the prevalence of Conjuctivitis (Ankho Ka Flu) in the Capital. Cases of Jaundice have also been occuring since May, 1996 in some parts of the capital. No such Survey about the number of persons suffering from these diseases has been undertaken.

(d) A Press Statement has been released by the Health Minister of the Govt. of Delhi including Do's and Dont's regarding Eye Flu. Some interviews have also appeared in Television in this regard. Under National Programme for Control of Blindness funds are being released to all the States/ UTs to implement Blindness Control activities. No specific grant is given to the States/UTs for the control of Conjuctivitis and Jaundice.

[English]

Asean Conference, Jakarta

3932. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian delegation has visited Jakarta to attend the ASEAN Conference;

(b) if so, the composition of the delegation;

(c) the names of other countries who had participated in the Conference; and

(d) the issues discussed in the said conference and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir. An Indian delegation visited Jakarta from 22nd to 25th July, 1996 to attend the ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference (PMC) and the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Meetings.

(b) The delegation was led by the External Affairs Minister and included Foreign Secretary, Secretary (Economic Relations) and five other officials of the Ministry of External Affairs.

(c) The participation in the ASEAN Post Ministerial Conference (PMC) and the ARF included the seven ASEAN countries, viz. Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, ten Full Dialogue Partners of ASEAN, viz. Australia, Canada, China, European Union, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Russia and USA, and four Observers of ASEAN - Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar and Papua New Guinea.

(d) The issues discussed at the Meetings included Middle East, Bosnia Herzegovina, World Trade Organisation and Disarmament issues including CTBT. Indo-ASEAN economic cooperation under the framework of the Dialogue Partnership was reviewed and an Agenda for Action established. It was agreed that future cooperation be pursued in the sectors of Trade, Investment, Science & technology, Tourism, Human Resource Development and Infrastructure. Academic, business cultural and media related inter-change is to be promoted.

Modernisation of Coronary Unit in Kerala

3933. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has sought clearance of the proposals to modernise the coronary unit of the Medical college hospitals at Calicut and Trivandrum; and